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<u>ARKANSAS, East</u>									
ARZ058									
	02	1215CST 1225CST			1	0	25K		High Wind (55)
A localized non-thunderstorm wind gust produced damage in the towns of Helena and West Helena. A large awning blew on a car killing one person. Three schools were damaged. Numerous trees and power lines were knocked down. F57VE									
Lee County									
3 NW Moro	02	1550CST 1555CST			0	0	0.11K		Hail(1.00)
Hail ranging from dime to quarter size fell near Moro.									
Randolph County									
Pocahontas	26	2135CST 2140CST			0	0	0.01K		Hail(0.75)
Lawrence County									
Imboden	26	2200CST 2205CST			0	0	0.11K		Hail(1.00)
Randolph County									
Ravenden Spgs	26	2205CST 2210CST			0	0	0.01K		Hail(0.75)
Lawrence County									
Walnut Ridge	26	2240CST 2250CST			0	0	0.11K		Hail(1.00)
Lawrence County									
Sedgwick	26	2255CST 2257CST	0.1	10	0	0	0.01K		Tornado (F0)
A tornado briefly touched down in Sedgwick causing little damage.									
Craighead County									
Bono	27	0020CST 0030CST			0	0	7.6K		Hail(2.75)
Hail ranging in size from quarters to baseballs fell in Bono.									
Craighead County									
5 N Jonesboro	27	0055CST 0100CST	0.1	10	0	0	0.01K		Tornado (F0)
A tornado touched down just north of Jonesboro causing minimal damage									
Craighead County									
Bono	27	0130CST 0230CST			0	0	1K		Flash Flood
Heavy rainfall produced flash flooding across a 5 block area of Bono. Water reached up to the doorway of several buildings.									
Cross County									
Vanndale	27	0148CST 0150CST	0.2	25	0	0	100K		Tornado (F2)
A tornado touched down near the town of Vanndale. Nearly 100 residential homes were damaged or destroyed. Three dozen mobile homes were damaged or destroyed. Three persons were injured. One cow was killed. Numerous trees and power lines were knocked down.									
Crittenden County									
Marion	27	0230CST 0235CST			0	0	0.01K		Hail(0.75)
Craighead County									
Jonesboro	30	1440CST 1450CST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind
Several power poles were bent over. Some trees and power lines were blown down as well									



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					Killed	Injured	Property Crops	
<u>ARKANSAS, East</u>								
Craighead County 1 N Jonesboro to Lake City	30	1445CST 1510CST			0	0	0.11K	Hail(1.00)
<u>MISSISSIPPI, North</u>								
Tallahatchie County Webb	02	1058CST 1110CST			0	0	0.01K	Hail(0.75)
Panola County 2 W Batesville	02	1120CST 1125CST			0	0	0.10K	Hail(0.75)
A patrol car was damaged by dime size hail.								
Tallahatchie County Charleston	02	1230CST 1235CST			0	0	1K	Thunderstorm Wind
Some power lines were blown down.								
Tishomingo County Burnsville to Belmont	02	1400CST 1410CST			0	0	10K	Lightning
A church in Burnsville was damaged by a fire started by lightning. A funeral home in Belmont suffered damage to electrical equipment and telephones by a lightning strike.								
Lee County Tupelo	02	1408CST 1425CST			0	0	0.01K	Hail(0.75)
Clay County Pheba	02	1440CST 1445CST			0	0	0.06K	Hail(0.88)
Dime to nickel size hail fell in the town of Pheba.								
Clay County Pheba	02	1440CST 1445CST			0	0	1K	Thunderstorm Wind
A couple of trees were blown down across some power lines.								
Itawamba County Fulton	02	1440CST 1445CST			0	0	0.50K	Thunderstorm Wind
Some large tree limbs were knocked down.								
Monroe County Amory to Aberdeen	02	1440CST 1450CST			0	0	1.5K	Thunderstorm Wind
Several trees and large tree limbs were blown down.								
Prentiss County Marietta	02	1440CST 1445CST			0	0	1K	Thunderstorm Wind
Several trees were blown down.								
Lee County Tupelo	02	1445CST 1450CST			0	0	5K	Lightning
A house was damaged by a fire started by lightning								
Clay County West Pt	02	1500CST 2300CST			0	0	2.5K	Flash Flood
Nearly 25 homes had between 8 and 12 inches of water in them forcing families to evacuate.								



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Itawamba County									
1 W Fulton	02	1500CST 1505CST			0	0	1K		Thunderstorm Wind
Some large tree limbs were blown down.									
Tishomingo County									
2 E Iuka	02	1600CST 1605CST			0	0	25K		Lightning
A home was destroyed by a fire started by lightning.									
Calhoun County									
Calhoun City	02	1700CST 1705CST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind
Several large trees were blown down.									
Chickasaw County									
Woodland	02	1700CST 1705CST			0	0	10K		Thunderstorm Wind
A trailer was knocked down. A couple of buildings lost some aluminum siding. Several trees were also blown down.									
Calhoun County									
Calhoun City	02	2100CST 2330CST			0	0	1K		Flash Flood
Heavy rainfall caused several creeks in the area to flood. Several roads and fields were flooded									
Yalobusha County									
Water Vly	02	2100CST 2105CST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind
Several power poles were knocked down.									
Chickasaw County									
2 S Woodland to 12 E Houston	02	1650CST 1720CST			0	0	0.03K		Hail(0.88)
Calhoun County									
Vardaman	02	1700CST 1705CST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind
Numerous trees were knocked down.									
Chickasaw County									
Woodland to Egypt	02	1710CST 1735CST			0	0	20K		Thunderstorm Wind
Thunderstorm winds damaged parts of Woodland and Egypt. In Woodland, One house lost a porch and a second house had a tree blown on top of it. A mobile home was damaged. Several trees were knocked down with one tree hitting a pick-up truck. In Egypt, several homes were damaged with some windows blown in. A shed was knocked down and several trees were also blown down.									
Clay County									
Montpelier	02	1715CST 1720CST			0	0	1K		Thunderstorm Wind
Several trees were blown down.									
Monroe County									
Aberdeen	02	1730CST 1735CST			0	0	1K		Thunderstorm Wind
A car was blown off the road. Several large tree limbs were blown down.									
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Lee	02	1855CST 1920CST			0	0	5K		High Wind
High winds behind a line of thunderstorms produced damage in southern Lee county. A tractor trailer flipped over on a highway. Several trees were also knocked down.									



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<u>MISSISSIPPI, North</u>								
Lowndes County								
Caledonia	02	2000CST 2010CST	5	50	0	0	5K	Tornado (F0)
A tornado touched down near the town of Caledonia. The only damage reported with the storm was several downed trees								
Monroe County								
Hamilton	02	2000CST 2005CST			0	0	10K	Thunderstorm Wind
A widespread area of trees were knocked down.								
Lowndes County								
Columbus	02	2120CST 2125CST			0	0	0.01K	Hail(0.75)
Chickasaw County								
Houston	02	2320CST 2325CST			0	0	1K	Thunderstorm Wind
A grain silo fell on top of a house.								
Monroe County								
Aberdeen	02	2335CST 2340CST			0	0	2K	Thunderstorm Wind
A few trees and power lines were blown down.								
Lee County								
6 W Tupelo	02	2150CST 2155CST			0	0	5K	Thunderstorm Wind
A thirty foot storage building was blown over a house, through a front yard, across a mobile home and into some trees								
Clay County								
West Pt to West Point	02 03	2200CST 0100CST			0	0	1K	Flash Flood
Over four inches of rain produced flash flooding in the town of West Point. Twenty families had to be evacuated from their homes due to the flood waters.								
Lowndes County								
Columbus	09	0730CST 0735CST			0	0	5K	Thunderstorm Wind
Numerous trees were blown down.								
Tishomingo County								
Iuka	26	2115CST 2120CST			0	0	2K	Thunderstorm Wind
A few trees were knocked down.								
Marshall County								
Mt Pleasant	27	0340CST			0	0	0.01K	Hail(0.75)
Coahoma County								
Clarksdale	27	0400CST 0405CST			0	0	10K	Thunderstorm Wind
Several business suffered roof damage. A utility building was lifted off the ground and destroyed.								
Tallahatchie County								
Charleston	27	0455CST 0500CST			0	0	1K	Thunderstorm Wind
Several trees were blown down.								
Alcorn County								
Corinth	27	0500CST			0	0	5K	Lightning
A house was damaged by a fire started by lightning								



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Chickasaw County									
Woodland	27	0545CST 0550CST			0	0	1K		Thunderstorm Wind
									A few trees were knocked down on top of some power lines.
Tate County									
Senatobia	30	1812CST 1823CST			0	0	0.02K		Hail(0.75)
<u>TENNESSEE, West</u>									
Henderson County									
Lexington	19	1900CST 1905CST			0	0	2K		Thunderstorm Wind
									A drive-in restaurant lost part of its awning and winds blew a sign out of the ground and damaged speakers and fixtures. Another restaurant had its sign knocked down.
Obion County									
Rives	26	1300CST 1305CST			0	0	30K		Thunderstorm Wind
									A large farm shed was demolished.
Lake County									
Tiptonville	26	1620CST 1625CST			0	0	0.01K		Hail(0.75)
Obion County									
Obion	26	1635CST			0	0	2.5K		Thunderstorm Wind
									A satellite dish was destroyed. Two tool sheds and a chimney were damaged. Several trees and a power pole were blown down.
Gibson County									
Kenton	26	1710CST 1715CST			0	0	1K		Thunderstorm Wind
									The roof of a house was blown off.
Gibson County									
Rutherford to Trenton	26	1710CST 1718CST			0	0	0.02K		Hail(0.75)
Henderson County									
Parker Xrds	26	1818CST 1823CST			0	0	1K		Thunderstorm Wind
									Several cars were rolled over trapping three persons. No injuries were reported.
Lauderdale County									
Halls	26	1820CST			0	0	0.01K		Hail(0.75)
Haywood County									
5 N Brownsville	26	1900CST 1905CST			0	0	0.76K		Hail(1.75)
Haywood County									
Brownsville	26	1915CST 1920CST			0	0	1K		Thunderstorm Wind
									Several trees were knocked down.
Haywood County									
5 N Brownsville	26	1915CST 1920CST	0.5	25	0	0	0.01K		Tornado (F0)
									A tornado briefly touched down producing minimal damage.
Chester County									
Henderson	26	2015CST 2020CST			0	0	0.01K		Hail(0.75)



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<u>TENNESSEE, West</u>									
McNairy County									
Mc Nairy	26	2030CST 2035CST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind
			Several trees and power lines were blown down.						
Hardin County									
Counce	26	2055CST 2100CST			0	0	0.35K		Hail(1.25)
Tipton County									
Brighton	27	0245CST 0250CST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind
			Numerous trees and power lines were knocked down.						
Shelby County									
Memphis	27	0300CST 0305CST			0	0	0.01K		Hail(0.75)
Shelby County									
Collierville	27	0310CST 0315CST			0	0	0.05K		Hail(0.88)
Fayette County									
Somerville	27	0340CST 0345CST			0	0	0.01K		Hail(0.75)
Hardeman County									
Whiteville	27	0400CST 0405CST			0	0	0.05K		Hail(0.88)
Madison County									
Jackson	28	1730CST 1915CST			0	0	0.10K		Urban/Sml Stream Fld
			Heavy rain produced urban flooding in the Jackson area. Several roads accumulated 6 to 8 inches of water on them forcing them to be closed for a few hours.						
Tipton County									
4 W Covington	30	1703CST 1708CST			0	0	0.75K		Hail(1.75)